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2/27 - 1886.

Dear Grandpa:

Miss M. C. Bryde & I went walking the other day, & I found some "pussy willows." You know they are about the first things that come out in the Spring.

Last night the wind blew furiously, & shook the house, but it is not so bad this morning, but it is very cold.

I am going to take drawing lessons.

Papa said I might, & Miss M. C. Bryde is going to teach me.

Papa went to New York Wednesday, & brought us back some illustrated papers and a great paper of candy.

Miss M. C. Bryde & I were invited to

take dinner at Mrs Haynes, last
Thursday, but it snowed so hard that
we could not go.

I have been reading Mark Twain's
"Tramps Abroad," & like it pretty well.
I have also been reading "Sweet & Sicy,"
by "Josiah Allin's Wife." Did you ever
read any of her books? If you want
to have a good laugh, you ought to
read them. They are "My Opinions &
Betsey Bobbitt's," "Samantha Allen at
the Centennial," & "My Wayward Perdur-
ner." One of the funniest parts of "Sweet
& Sicy," is where Josiah gets an order
from the railroad to remove a pig-sty
out of the way, & the writing is so
bad that no one can read it. Josiah,
however, gets it into his head that it is a
free pass for him, from the railroad
company, & rides on it for more than
a year before the mistake is found

out.

I have not learnt any new music, —
in fact I haven't touched the piano
since November, because it is so cold
in the parlor.

Hoping soon to hear from you.

Your affectionate Granddaughter
Florida Lee.